

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 401

Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton

February 14, 2003

An act to add Section 19605.53 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

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AB 401, as introduced, Jerome Horton. Horse racing: satellite wagering facilities.

Existing law permits the California Horse Racing Board to authorize a fair to operate a satellite wagering facility at the fairgrounds, under certain circumstances. Existing law permits any fair in Shasta, San Joaquin, Humboldt, or Fresno County, with the approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture and the authorization of the board, to operate one satellite wagering facility on leased premises within the boundaries of that fair, subject to specified conditions.

This bill would permit a fair located in the City of Sacramento, with the approval of the department and the authorization of the board, to operate one satellite wagering facility within the boundaries of that fair in addition to any facility otherwise authorized at its fairgrounds, under the same conditions as apply in Shasta, San Joaquin, Humboldt, or Fresno County.

Under existing law, revenue distributed to the state as license fees from satellite wagering is required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and is continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general governmental purposes. This bill would, by authorizing the board to permit an additional satellite wagering facility, increase the amount of

continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would also authorize the imposition of a state tax for purposes of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19605.53 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 19605.53. Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 19605,
4 and Section 19605.1, any fair located in the City of Sacramento
5 may, with the approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture
6 and the authorization of the board, subject to the conditions
7 specified in Section 19605.3, operate one satellite wagering
8 facility within the boundaries of that fair in addition to any satellite
9 wagering facility authorized at its fairgrounds under those
10 provisions.

